

## **BANGOR'S STORMWATER PROGRAM**

Local governments across the U.S. are preparing to implement the [Storm Water Phase II rule](#). Promulgated on December 8, 1999, the rule seeks to control storm water runoff from smaller storm sewer systems in urbanized areas and construction sites in an effort to improve the quality of the nation's waterways. Phase II of the stormwater program expands the scope of the NPDES program to include smaller local governments—municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) serving populations of less than 100,000. The Stormwater Phase II final rule requires local governments that fall within the scope of the rule—primarily local governments with small MS4s in urban areas—to obtain NPDES permit coverage. These local governments must design a stormwater management program to include the development and implementation of six specified measures that reduce stormwater pollution. Evaluation and reporting measures are also required. In addition, the rule sets requirements for construction activity that disturbs between one and five acres and extends a previously set permit requirement deadline for certain municipalities that operate industrial activities regulated under phase I.